

agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Jay Jagolta, Systems Accountant, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Financial Management Division, STOP 0581, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0581, (202) 305-1311.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 13, 1997.

Richard O. Newman,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension, Revision, and Separation of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension for the Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation certification requirements and to separate from collections currently approved under OMB No. 0560-0004 which includes several other unrelated areas for information collection. This information is collected in support of the conservation provisions of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 and the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 1, 1997, to be assured consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact LaVonne Maas, Agricultural Program Specialist, Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, USDA, FSA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0517, (202) 720-8128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.

OMB Number: New submission.

Expiration Date: June 30, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of that portion of a previously approved information collection that relates to the Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation requirements. The conservation requirements are being separated from inclusion with several other unrelated forms to eliminate confusion with other requirements and to provide clear information specifically for the conservation requirements according to 7 CFR part 12.

Abstract: Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 and the Federal Agriculture, Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 conditions certain Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefits on compliance with certain requirements relating to highly erodible lands and wetlands. Rules governing those requirements are codified in 7 CFR Part 12. In order to ensure that persons who request benefits subject to the conservation restrictions get technical assistance needed and are informed regarding the compliance requirements on their land, information is collected with regard to their intended activities on their land that could affect their eligibility for requested USDA benefits. Once technical determinations are made, producers are required to certify that they will comply with the conservation requirements on their land to maintain their eligibility.

Persons may request that certain activities be exempt according to provisions of the statute. Information is collected from those who seek these exemptions for the purpose of evaluating whether the exempted conditions will be met.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response.

Respondents: Individual producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 506,350.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 109,477 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503 and to LaVonne Maas, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-Farm Service Agency-Compliance and Production Adjustment Division, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0517, (202) 720-8128.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request extension for and revision to the Power of Attorney and Power of Attorney for Husband and Wife provisions. This information is collected in support of programs administered by FSA. The Power of Attorney collection information is being separated from inclusion with several other unrelated